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1. CANADIAN COMMITTEE III REP (LIVERMORE) TOLD MISOFF SEPT. 1 THAT NIAL MACDERMOTT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS HAS VERY RECENTLY EXPRESSED THE OPINION TO THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT CANADA SHOULD NOT SUPPORT THE SWEDISH INITIATIVE AT THE UPCOMING UNGA FOR A CONVENTION ON TORTURE BECAUSE 1) HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS ALREADY OVERLOADED, 2) DRAFTING SUCH WOULD DELAY IMPLEMENTATION, 3) A CONVENTION WOULD DETRACT FROM THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE DECLARATION AGAINST TORTURE ALREADY ADOPTED, AND 4) BECAUSE THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PENOLOGISTS IS ALREADY AT WORK ON A DRAFT OF A CONVENTION. LIVERMORE SAID HE WAS CHECKING ON THE REPORT OF THE DRAFT BEING PREPARED.

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2. DUTCH COMMITTEE III REP (HEINEMANN) REPORTED THAT A DUTCH MISSION WAS GOING TO STOCKHOLM TO DISCUSS TORTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 23RD, AND THAT IT WILL BE HEADED BY TERWISSCHA VAN SCHELTINGA, DIRECTOR OF THE IO SECTION OF THE DUTCH FONMIN, AND NOT BY BURGER, WHO WILL BE COMING ABOUT THAT TIME TO NEW YORK FOR THE GA. HEINEMANN SAID THAT A DRAFT OF THE

TWO DUTCH PROPOSALS (REFTEL C, PARAS 2 AND 3) OUGHT TO BE IN NYC BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. TOPICS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE: POSITION OF NGOS IN UN, DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, SOUTHERN AFRICA, HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL, THE CHILE RESOLUTION, AND INITIATIVES AGAINST TORTURE. THE DUTCH WILL PRESENT DRAFTS OF THEIR TWO PROPOSALS ON TORTURE, (REFTEL C) AND TRY TO CONVINCE THE SWEDES NOT TO PRESS THEIR CALL FOR A CONVENTION ON TORTURE. (HEINEMANN AGAIN TOLD MISSOFF THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE THESE DRAFTS BY MID-NEXT WEEK.)

3. COMMENT. USUN CONSIDERS THE MEETING IN STOCKHOLM VERY IMPORTANT IN PROTECTING THE WEOG AGAINST PUBLIC DIVISION. THE DUTCH ARE, IN A SENSE, DOING OUR WORK FOR US. USUN HOPES THAT WE AND THE DUTCH (AND POSSIBLY THE CANADIANS) CAN AGREE ON A COMMON APPROACH TO TORTURE BEFORE THE 23RD, AND FOR THIS REASON IS PUSHING THE DUTCH FOR DRAFTS OF THEIR PROPOSALS. MISSOFF AND HEINEMANN HAVE ALREADY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON US PROPOSAL, (REFTEL C, PARA 1) END COMMENT.
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